

OFFICER FRIENDLY RICHARD
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HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, throughout his law enforcement career, fellow Texas officers called him "Officer Friendly." He spent his entire life in service to America.

Richard Zipp was born in Florida in 1949. He spent his youth in Albany, New York, with his mom, three younger brothers, and aunt and uncle. He moved to Ingleside, Texas, in 1966 and lived with the Harvey Family. He graduated from Ingleside High School in 1968.

Richard served America in combat in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War (1968–1972). He was a platoon sniper and was shot in the shoulder on April 11, 1969. He was later awarded the Purple Heart. Richard was never bitter about the war, but he was proud to serve as a United States Marine.

While in the Marines, he also played TAPS for burials at sea for Marines and sailors on U.S. Naval Ships. When he was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1972, he had already graduated from the International Chief of Police Academy at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Richard joined the Houston Police Department, where he served 20 years in the Houston Police Department Honor Guard continuing to play TAPS for fallen Texas Peace Officers. Richard marched in the Honor Guard for the inauguration of President George Bush Sr., carrying the Texas flag. He participated in the Honor Guard ceremonies for National Police week in Washington, D.C. and Texas.

It was while Richard was on patrol for HPD that he met his wife Nelda.

Richard also found time to be Director of Security for Houston Theater Under the Stars.

After leaving the Houston Police Department, Richard joined the Harris County Texas Sheriff Department where he continued his service in the Honor Guard. He also served as bailiff in the courts, including my court when I was a judge. This is where "Officer Friendly" took care of court security and looked after the jury during trials. His demeanor with juries made them at ease and made them realize their importance to our justice system.

Richard retired in 2003 and he and Nelda moved to Georgetown, Texas. He joined the Williamson County Sheriff's Department and was Sergeant over courthouse safety and security. Finally, he retired in 2003 after 35 years in law enforcement.

Somewhere along the way, he volunteered to be in charge of security at the weddings of my four children.

Richard and Nelda were active members of the Georgetown Church of Christ, always taking time to visit seniors. He also had a special fondness for the Cherokee Home for Children.

Officer Friendly spent a lot of time helping veterans. He was a member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and the American Legion.

Late last year, Richard was diagnosed with cancer. He knew his days were numbered, but had an amazing attitude about it all. He said, "I can wear pain but I'd rather wear peace."

When I talked to Richard, he was always the positive guy. He let me know that since he

was a Christian, he was anxious to see the Lord.

Officer Zipp died last week.

Last Saturday was Richard's funeral. His neighbors decorated his front lawn with numerous American flags in his honor. Both the Houston Police Department, Honor Guard and the Harris County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard helped to conduct the very moving ceremony.

Richard was proud of his service as a Marine.

Richard was proud to be married to Nelda. He was proud to wear the several badges of a Texas Peace Officer.

He was proud to be an American.

Richard was the true patriot.

TAPS has been played for the final time. This time it was for "Officer Friendly."

Semper Fi, Richard Zipp, Semper Fi.

And that's just the way it is.

UKRAINE CYBERSECURITY COOPERATION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1997, the "Ukraine Cybersecurity Cooperation Act," legislation that will lead to greater cooperation between the United States and Ukraine on matters of cybersecurity and require State Department reporting to Congress on best practices to protect against future cyber-attacks.

In recent years, Ukraine has been the target of an increasing number of cyber-attacks that have infiltrated state institutions and critical infrastructure to the effect of undermining its democracy.

It is past time we step up to work with our ally Ukraine in furtherance of our mutual interest in cyber security, the modern battlefield.

Ukraine is a frontline for nation state-directed cyber-attacks, which are potential harbingers of attacks on the United States.

Helping Ukraine strengthen its cyber defenses will not only protect Ukraine from future attacks, but it will also help the United States develop new and more effective technologies and strategies.

As a former member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I am pleased to stand in support of the effort to advance the strategic interests of both the United States and Ukraine on a bipartisan basis.

Cybersecurity is a complex and serious national and economic security issue for any nation.

For years, Ukraine has been under siege from nation-state cyber-attacks that have sought to weaken its government and undermine hopes for an open and democratic society.

The United States must play an important role in this fight.

By not adequately responding and adapting to these cyber-threats in Eastern Europe, our nation is both letting down an ally as well as failing to take proactive steps to protect itself.

Standing strong with our trusted allies in the cause of freedom is liberty's best defense.

I am proud to work with my colleague, Congressman BOYLE, in encouraging cooperation

between the United States and Ukraine on this front, and look forward to continuing to work with members of the Foreign Affairs Committee to keep our focus on this 21st century battle.

I urge all Members to support H.R. 1997, the "Ukraine Cybersecurity Cooperation Act."

COLORADO THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2018 OLYMPIANS TRIB- UTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the athletes from Colorado's Third Congressional District who are competing in the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The dedication, passion, and spirit of these 21 men and women prove that they are some of the best our nation has to offer, and they serve as a model for young adults all around the world. I am proud to recognize these athletes for their impressive achievement.

Competing in Alpine Skiing: David Chodounsky, Wiley Maple, Alice McKennis, and Mikaela Shiffrin;

Competing in Bobsled: Nathan Weber;

Competing in Cross-Country Skiing: Simi Hamilton and Noah Hoffman;

Competing in Freestyle Skiing: Aaron Blunck, Alex Ferreira, Gus Kenworthy, Keaton McCargo, and Torin Yater-Wallace;

Competing in Nordic Combined: Ben Berend, Bryan Fletcher, Taylor Fletcher, and Jasper Good;

And competing in Snowboarding: Mick Dierdorff, Arielle Gold, Hagen Kearney, Jake Pates, and Meghan Tierney.

While I am here to acknowledge the athletes that hail from my home district, I would like to thank every member of Team USA for their continued contribution to their sports and communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize each of these accomplished athletes. Their talent, hard work, and commitment has allowed them to compete on an international platform and I have no doubt they will make our nation proud. I want to thank them for representing the United States and Colorado's Third Congressional District and I wish them luck as they prepare for their upcoming competitions.

HONORING LESSIE MOSES OF MILTON, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Lessie Moses. Lessie, who just turned 98 years old this past November, served as a Rosie the Riveter during World War II, working on airplanes in Ohio. Lessie was born and raised in her beloved hometown of Milton and is the oldest of nine children.

Lessie was part of the workforce that carried the nation while the men were at war, providing the warfighter the equipment they needed to get the job done. Lessie answered the